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Clothiers, Haberdashers and Hatters,  
New Republic Building, Seventh and Olive Streets.

## GRAND JURY WITNESS CLEVERLY ARRESTED.

Adolph Stecker's Testimony  
Wanted in Connection With  
Robbery Case.

Detectives Schmidt and Harrington arrested Adolph Stecker at the western approach of the Eads bridge at 8 o'clock Thursday morning on a charge of having fled from the city to avoid testifying in a robbery case. A bench warrant had been issued for his arrest.

Stecker's arrest was the result of a clever bit of strategy on the part of Detectives Schmidt and Harrington. Assistant Circuit Attorney Hancock several days ago asked Chief of Detectives Desmond to locate Stecker, as he was wanted to testify before the Grand Jury in the case of Peter Rigney, whom he charged with robbery in the first degree. Sheriff Diekmann's men were unable to locate Stecker.

On Wednesday afternoon Harrington and Schmidt learned that he was working for the Fred Gerald Moving and Storage Company of East St. Louis, Ill. At the time they had no warrant and had no right to take him a prisoner in another State, so they represented that they wanted a moving van in St. Louis. Schmidt said he was moving his household effects to East St. Louis and he would meet the van at the entrance to the bridge. He asked that a van of a certain description be sent, as he had a folding bed it would just fit. Stecker drove that van.

When Stecker reached the west approach to the bridge in the van Thursday morning, the officers placed him under arrest and sent the van back in charge of a negro helper who accompanied Stecker.

Stecker was then escorted to the Four Courts. He was held up and released of \$50 by two men at Nineteenth and Biddle streets on December 22. Two men, including Peter Rigney, were arrested. Rigney was bound over to the Grand Jury and the other man was released. Stecker denies that he accepted any bribe not to prosecute. He said one of Rigney's friends offered him \$10 not to prosecute, but he refused it. Afterwards he said he got the position he now holds and moved to East St. Louis. He said he had never been subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury.

It is said that several similar cases are being investigated by the Grand Jury.

**Effect of Anti-Gambling Law.**  
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Fort Smith, Ark., March 28.—When it was learned that Governor Davis had signed the anti-gambling bill, the salaried gamblers were closed without waiting for an order. The slot machines were draped in mourning and other evidences given of the death of gambling here.

The city had annually derived thousands of dollars from gambling fines, and much of the municipal expenses were paid from this source.

**Death of Fred Linestone.**  
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Masonville, Ill., March 28.—Fred Linestone, one of the pioneers of Masonville Township, died Thursday at the age of 73 years. The funeral will take place on Sunday.

**CITY ITEMS.**  
CRAWFORD'S Shoe Department is the talk of the town; no such values in shoes were ever given the people of St. Louis as they now get at this popular store! Just think of it, the buyer of this store counts as his best and most regular customer, and the wives of the shoe men in almost every shoe store in the city! As also the salesmen's wives of the shoe departments of the Department Stores! Facts!

**NERVOUS people should use the genuine Dr. Slegers' Anesthetia Bitters.**

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Money to Loan  
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THE S. G. ADAMS STAMP & SEAL CO.,  
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Manufacture and sell all kinds of seals, stamps, stationery, etc. at the lowest prices. Quality guaranteed. Everything in Commercial Stationery. CAMEL, SEAL and STENCIL.

**TAPEWORM**  
Is a dangerous disease. It is found in the bowels of children and adults. It causes loss of appetite, weakness, and other troubles. It is easily cured by the use of the Tape Worm Cure. Price 25 cents. Sold everywhere.

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J. P. PARISH.  
ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC OFFICE.  
Telephone—Main 215; A. 12.

## ALL PARTIES A UNIT ON LIBRARY CLAUSE.

Irrespective of Politics Speakers  
Urge Constituents to Vote  
for the Measure.

Political speakers of all parties have taken up the cause of the Public Library and are urging their constituents to vote for the measure providing for an increase in the rate of taxation for library purposes from one-fifth to two-fifths of a mill. If this is carried in the election next Tuesday, the Library Board will notify Mr. Carnegie at once that all the conditions of this \$1,000,000 gift have been complied with, and steps will be taken looking toward securing a site.

The increase will not advance taxes of the city, but the additional revenue which the library will receive will be taken from the actual revenue of the city. The increase of one-fifth of a mill will assure the library an income of \$150,000 per annum. This will be ample to operate to advantage the new library system which it is proposed to establish with Andrew Carnegie's gift. The measure is popular in every part of the city. Formerly when the voters of St. Louis were asked to vote for an increase of the library tax, the objection was raised that there was but one building at that time located in the center of the city. The residence district would not be benefited. The system of branch libraries, which will be erected in every section of the city, will eliminate the objection, and it is believed that the increase will be carried by an overwhelming majority.

Librarian F. M. Crunden continues to receive letters from local clergymen assuring him that the new library has their indorsement, and offering to aid him and the Board in any manner in bringing about its accomplishment.

**Wedding Invitations in Correct Form**  
Are assured when ordered at Mermod & Jaccard's, society stationers, Broadway and Locust; 100 finest engraved calling cards and plate, \$1.50; 100 cards from your plate, \$1. Write for samples and prices. Mailed free.

**BALL'S COURSE IS CONDEMNED.**  
His Home Papers Denounce His  
Meddling in St. Louis Politics.

The Bowling Green Times and the Pike County Post, both published in the home county of former State Senator David A. Ball, and leaders in the Democratic cause in that county, do not approve of Ball's interference in St. Louis politics. In a letter to the Editor of The Republic, John W. Buchanan, a prominent citizen of Bowling Green, says that an editorial on the subject in this week's Times expresses the sentiments of nine-tenths of the Democrats of the county.

The editorial referred to by Mr. Buchanan follows: "The Times thinks Senator D. A. Ball has made a mistake in going to St. Louis to meddle with city politics. The Democrats of that city know and make war on the regular nominee of his party. Mr. Wells is competent; he is honest; he is such a man as the people of St. Louis, irrespective of party, need at the head of the city government at this time. Put old Pike down as interfering. Mr. Wells, the regular nominee of the party."

Commenting on the course of Mr. Ball, the Pike County Post, the oldest and straightest Democratic paper in Pike County, says in its issue of March 27: "We very much regret the course of Mr. Ball in this matter. We have in two campaigns advocated his nomination by the Democrats of the State to the highest office within their gift. The Democrats of old Pike have stood by him in many hot campaigns against the enemy, but are not with him in this assault upon the nominee of the party in St. Louis. Mr. Wells is to-day as truly the nominee of the Democracy of St. Louis as Mr. Bryan was in 1896 the nominee of the National Democracy. Every true Democrat in St. Louis owes him allegiance; every true Democrat outside should help as best he can, or at least, keep quiet while the St. Louis brethren put in their man."

## MEN'S SHOES BRANDT'S Strong Hold.

We Go on the Principle that Satisfied  
Customers are Walking Advertisements.

### MEN'S LOW SHOES.

Men's Patent Leather, Blucher Oxford, Kiondyke, 6 to 10, A to D..... \$3.50  
Men's Chocolate Oxfords, Welt Soles, Extension, London Toe, Tip same, 6 to 11, A to D..... \$3.00  
Men's Black Vici Kid, Modified Bull Toe, Extension Sole, Rope Stitch, AA to D, 6 to 11..... \$3.50  
Men's Black Kid Oxfords, Welt Soles, London Toe, Full Edges, 6 to 11, A to D..... \$3.00  
Men's Vici Patent Leather Bal..... \$5.00

### MEN'S HIGH SHOES.

Men's Black Vici Kid Bals., Bull Dog Toe, Rope Stitch Edge, Wide Extension, AA to D, 6 to 11..... \$3.50  
Men's Patent Leather Bals., Welt Sole, Extension Edge, Rope Stitch, London Toe, 6 to 11, AA to D..... \$3.00  
Men's Chocolate Bals., Full Extended Soles, Waldorf Toe, very neat and easy, 6 to 11, AA to D..... \$3.50  
Hu-man-i-e Shoe, in Velour, Vici, Box Calif and Chocolate, best shoe in America for..... \$4.00

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**BRANDT'S**  
With Sales of Children's Shoes.

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We have the most complete collection ever placed on sale of fine French and American Mantel Clocks, in Ormola, Bronze, Gilt, Marble, Onyx, China and Enamel. Fine French Regulator Clocks with visible Escapement, Cam Clocks, Hall Clocks, Office Clocks, Cuckoo Clocks. Every variety of all the latest and most durable patterns, ranging in price from

"Grandfather" Hall Clocks, with or without Chime Bells,  
\$35.00 to \$750.00

**MERMOD & JACCARD** Jewelry Co.,  
BROADWAY, Corner of Locust St.  
Write for our New Catalogue, 3,000 Engravings. Mailed Free.

## SURRENDERED AS A NAVY DESERTER.

Charles B. Moscript Told Chief  
Kiely That He Was Willing to  
Return to Brooklyn Yards.

Charles B. Moscript surrendered at the Four Courts shortly before noon Thursday on a charge of deserting from the United States Navy. He admits the charge, and will willingly return to the Brooklyn Navy Yard, from which he escaped December 16, 1900.

Moscript is 20 years old. He is the son of the Reverend Charles H. Moscript, for several years pastor of the First Baptist Church of Alton, Ill. He now lives in Rochester, N. Y. At the age of 17 years the junior Moscript was graduated from Shurtleff College at Alton, and conducted a small weekly paper there for about a year, when he left home on an adventurous tour. About the middle of last July he found himself penniless in Chicago, Ill. He enlisted in the United States Navy service and was sent to the training school at Annapolis, Md. On October 16 he was detailed to the Alabama. About sixty companions from the same school accompanied him. They cruised about for months, and on December 15 they weighed anchor in the Brooklyn Navy Yards. Moscript obtained shore leave and did not return for duty. At Philadelphia Moscript said eighteen more boys deserted.

Moscript went to New York, where he lived for a time with relatives. On March 1 he had been living alone, reading proof on one of the daily papers. Chief Kiely has telegraphed to Brooklyn and is holding Moscript subject to orders from the Navy Department.

**Easter Cards 5c to \$10.00.**  
Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.

**SCHOOL CENTRALIZATION.**  
Illinois Educators Also in Favor of  
Country School Libraries.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Springfield, Ill., March 28.—Centralization of country schools and a moderate degree of State aid in the formation of country school libraries are to be the slogans of County Superintendents and other educational advocates at the annual convention of the Illinois Association of County Superintendents to be held at the General Assembly to support the school law, which closed here to-day, it was found that all the leading educators of the State favor this legislation.

## HYATT PROMISES SETTLED WEATHER.

March Lion to Be Superseded by  
Lamb This Week—"High"  
Disappeared.

Doctor Hyatt is in high spirits over the promised spell of fair weather. He predicts cool, fair weather for St. Louis Friday, and possibly Saturday. After several days of

HYATT'S  
FORECASTS.  
IT'S FARE ON THE STREET  
CARDS TO TAKE  
IT WILL BE  
FAIR  
IN ST. LOUIS FOR  
DURING THE  
WORLD'S FAIR

**SOME DEAD-SURE FORECASTS.**  
uncertainty he has struck the happy medium, and will pull the good weather wires for all that is in them.  
"Things looked bad for us Wednesday," said he Thursday, "but this morning the aspect of the weather map presented a much changed appearance. The 'low' which threatened us Wednesday was crowded so far over to the West that it is eliminated from the possibilities. The 'high' to the north of us has dipped down rapidly, and will be followed by another 'high' from the

**Ten Days to Easter.**  
Spring is sure to arrive with a bound at Easter without regard to the weather.  
Meantime, our Spring Clothing is here, from our own factory in New York, and ready for your inspection. It's well worth your critical attention.  
The fact is that we have, by steady advances, established a New Standard in Clothing Ready-to-Wear.  
We now offer a most attractive display of  
**Boys' Confirmation Suits.**  
"NO CLOTHING FITS LIKE OURS."  
**BROWNING, KING & CO.**

**5c BEST NICKEL CIGAR ANYWHERE. 5c**  
The  
**PAUL GILMORE CIGAR**  
Sells on Its Merits.  
IT IS HIGH GRADE and FRAGRANT  
There is Economy and Pleasure in Smoking the Paul Gilmore Cigar.  
ASK YOUR DEALER FOR IT. TAKE NO OTHER.  
DAVID NICHOLSON, Distributor.  
Over 600 Druggists in St. Louis and Vicinity Sell Them, and Many Other Dealers.  
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**QUICK MEAL STEEL RANGES**  
RINCEN STOVE CO.  
SIXTH ST. NEAR LOCUST.  
**E-Z STOVE POLISH**  
(Liquid) DOES IT EASY  
Northwest, which assures a day or two of calm sailing.  
"The barometer is highest over the Central West and Northwest and lowest over Arizona. Excepting in the extreme Northwest fair-weather conditions prevail. The 'high' will be accompanied by frost in some sections. This weather should last until the end of the week."  
Although busy keeping order in the March weather menagerie, Doctor Hyatt is making preparations to give St. Louis good weather on election day.  
**COAL STRIKE THREATENED.**  
Trouble Between Miners and Operators in Springfield Subdistrict.  
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Springfield, Ill., March 28.—A strike of the coal miners in the Springfield subdistrict is not unlikely. The miners demand an increase from \$1.10 to \$1.25 a day. Neither party shows an inclination to yield.  
Another demand which threatens to cause a serious rupture is that the day hands be furnished cotton and oil free. Operators declare they will close their mines rather than meet the demand made upon them.  
**Best of All**  
To cleanse the system in a gentle and truly beneficial manner, when the Springtime comes, use the true and perfect remedy, Syrup of Figs. Buy the genuine. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, and for sale by all druggists, at 25 cents per bottle.  
**Nobility at Y. M. C. A. Convention.**  
The distinguished Englishmen who expect to attend the Young Men's Christian Association Jubilee Convention in Boston on June 9 are Lord Kinnaird, Howard Williams, a son of Sir George Williams, the founder of the association; John McCall of Epsom, Richard Gray of Cardiff, W. B. Mason of Leeds and A. W. Churchill of London.

**Best Silk Umbrellas.**  
New special handles, \$1.25 to \$4.00.  
Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.  
**Death of Clark W. Harrington.**  
Eureka Springs, Ark., March 28.—Clark W. Harrington, newspaper writer, died of pneumonia here Wednesday. He was 41 years old of No. 514 Theodosia avenue. He was stabbed and slightly wounded by George Decatur, a negro boy, Thursday afternoon. The origin of the quarrel was a previous encounter between Harrington and the negro. Fish was taken to the City Hospital. Doctors were searching for Decatur Thursday night, but were unable to locate him.  
**NEGRO CUT TWO BOYS.**In a fight at Arlington and Easton avenues, Walter Fish, 13 years old, of No. 1638 North Union boulevard, and Mack McLaughlin, 14 years old, of No. 514 Theodosia avenue, were stabbed and slightly wounded by George Decatur, a negro boy, Thursday afternoon. The origin of the quarrel was a previous encounter between Harrington and the negro. Fish was taken to the City Hospital. Doctors were searching for Decatur Thursday night, but were unable to locate him.  
**TEXAS VIEW OF ROLLA WELLS.**  
Sentiment of the Great Lone Star  
State for World's Fair Mayor.  
The Parker organs of St. Louis have devoted considerable space to the publication of messages from Nebraska bearing on the municipal campaign here and directed against the candidacy of Rolla Wells because of his attitude on the money question in the two last national campaigns. Extracts from William J. Bryan's paper, the Commoner, and the Omaha World-Herald have been published with great gusto by St. Louis Republican papers, which have overlooked the real issue in the local campaign—good government—and forget that comment from far-away Nebraska can have little bearing or influence on conditions in this city.  
If any State outside of Missouri is entitled by reason of its business interests and trade connections to criticize political matters in St. Louis and voice a word of advice as to the selection of fit men to conduct the business of the city, that State is Texas. One of the chief trade allies of St. Louis. How the Lone Star State feels in the matter is evidenced by the following letter from one of its leading citizens and Democrats, H. W. Burton of Corsicana:  
To the Editor of The Republic:  
As a former resident of St. Louis, where some of my loved ones still reside, I am deeply interested in the coming election of a Mayor for that city. There are many other readers of The Republic in Corsicana who are fervently hoping for the success of Mr. Wells in the cause of good government. A large cattle shipper, in this connection, said: "If Ziegenheim is continued in St. Louis every head of my cattle will go to Chicago. A prominent Republican here recently said: 'The St. Louis people without regard to party should vote for the son of Erastus Wells and thus repudiate the gang whose past record is so unsavory.'"  
I asked a member of the Legislature if a bill would be introduced in the House this session to make an appropriation for a Texas exhibit in St. Louis in 1904. He said: "It has been talked of, but nothing will be done until we find out who the business of the city is to be conducted with Ziegenheimism." And so it goes. With best wishes for the success of the Wells ticket, I am, yours truly,  
H. W. BURTON.

**POURING TROOPS INTO AFRICA.**  
Since February 7 England Has  
Sent 28,560 Men to Kitchener.  
London, March 28.—In the House of Commons Thursday Mr. Broderick, the War Secretary, in reply to a question, announced that the War Office had ordered the engagement, given February 7, to send 30,000 mounted reinforcements to General Kitchener, 28,560 men having been actually de-